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E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: EFIN, RP

SUBJECT: MARINDUQUE NICKEL EXIM GUARANTEE

REF: MANILA 1235

1. EXIM HAS RECONSIDERED MARINDUQUE REQUEST FOR DEFERRAL OF PAYMENT, WITH FOLLOWING INITIAL RESULTS:

A. SINCE EXIM (AND OPIC) ARE ONLY ENTITIES INVOLVED THAT HAVE NO FURTHER GUARANTEE, AND SINCE MARINDUQUE IS PLANNING TO EXPAND ITS OBLIGATIONS, EXIM RELUCTANT TO ACCEPT DEFERRAL REQUESTED WITHOUT ADDITIONAL PROTECTION.

B. EXIM WOULD BE PREPARED APPROVE DEFERRAL IF GOP, THROUGH DBP OR OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITY, IS ABLE TO PROVIDE GUARANTEE OF DEFERRED AMOUNT, I.E. DOLS 4.5 MILLION. EXIM HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT DBP UNABLE TO PROVIDE GUARANTEE SINCE IT IS ALREADY AT LIMIT PERMITTED FOR EXPOSURE IN ONE COMPANY. HOWEVER, WOULD NEWLY CONSTITUTED FOREIGN LOAN GUARANTEE CORPORATION, OR OTHER ENTITY, BE ABLE TO COVER? LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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C. IF NO GUARANTEE POSSIBLE, EXIM COULD AGREE TO DEFERRAL PROVIDED GOP WILLING TO FURTHER DEFER PAYMENT OF ROYALTIES, FOR 1975 AND 1976, UNTIL AFTER THE DOLS 4.5 MILLION NOW UNDER DISCUSSION HAS BEEN REPAID. ACCORDING TO CURRENT PROPOSAL, THE EXIM GUARANTEED AMOUNT WOULD BE REPAID OVER

THREE YEARS STARTING 1977, SO THAT GOP ROYALTIES WOULD START BEING REPAID FEBRUARY 15, 1980. EXIM FEELS THAT IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO DEFER ROYALTIES DUE IN A TWO YEAR PERIOD, TOTALLING PERHAPS DOLS TEN MILLION, BECAUSE OF ADDED BURDEN TO COMPANY BEING CAUSED BY ADDITIONAL FINANCING NOW BEING SOUGHT.

2. REQUEST REPLY BY IMMEDIATE CABLE. KISSINGER

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